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REMARKS

Claims 30-32 have been canceled. In copending Application No. 08/874,992, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application, Claims 15-17 were the subject of a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, wherein it was said that Claims 15-17 of 08/874,992 claimed the same invention as that of Claims 30-32 of the present application.

Supplemental Restriction (Pages 2-3 of Office Action of March 30, 1999)

The Examiner has stated that added Claims 63-68 and amended Claims 42, 45 and 46 are directed to inventions that are independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. A Request for Reconsideration and/or Petition from Requirement for Restriction, traversing this Supplemental Restriction, was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 26, 1999. Applicants are awaiting a decision on this Request/Petition.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks and proposed amendments and to enter this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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